Identification Crisis of Tribal People in A.P.

†1166. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be please to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the efforts of the religious propagators to bring the tribal people of Arunachal Pradesh into their institutional religious fold the tribal people are facing the crises of their identification;

(b) whether it is also a fact that till 1961 they were only adivasis and at that time the population of Hindus, Muslims and Christians were negligible but today all the three religions have spread their tentacles there; and

(c) if so, the measures being taken by Government to maintain the identify of the "adivasis'?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (c) The information is being collected from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the House on receipt.

Tribals affected due to super Cyclone in Orissa

1167. SHRI RAMCHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be please to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a vast tribal population of Orissa is badly affected due to super cyclone last year and many roads/bridges/ thatched houses have been damaged; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/propose to be taken to assist, rehabilitate and reconstruct the same jfor the welfare of tribal people?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Under the Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan an amount of Rs. 3.59 crore has been released to the State Government of Orissa for rebuilding, repairing of 536 SC/ST Educational Institutions, Adivasi Hostels situated in 14 Districts and for supplying books, writing materials and uniforms to the affected 63,592 SC/ST students. Details are given at Annexure. (see Appendix 189. Annexure No. 42). Further, an amount of Rs. 100.00 lakhs under Grain Bank Scheme and an amount of Rs. 200.00 lakhs under State Tribal Development Cooperative Corporation scheme has also been released during the current financial year to the State Government for rehabilitating the cyclone affected tribal people.

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